



2013 Deer Trustee Report

Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is presented then followed by additional background information.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Replace the current DMU population goal definition of comparing the deer population estimate with the desired population goal for the DMU with a simplified goal statement of increase, stabilize or decrease population density. Population estimates at the DMU level are suspect from questions of accuracy and precision, and the procedures for deriving the estimates are difficult to explain and communicate. When a hunter or landowner sees a number describing the deer population on lands that they hunt or own that is counter to their perception of population size, it is only natural to ask "where did this come from?" Most people will not support what they do not or cannot understand, especially if a meaningless, sometimes volatile, number becomes the focus of their concern over time. Other states such as Virginia (VDGIF 2007) use this approach as a foundation for their deer management plan.

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

See A.2. for language and rationale.

- The team supports retaining population goals and estimates but encourages developing additional metrics for monitoring deer populations and impacts, evaluating unit goals at the time of 3-year unit reviews.
- Include valid local input as an additional factor to consider in goal setting.

2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

- Population estimates and goals are needed for decision making for proper management of the deer herd.
- There is strong value in quantitative statements.
- Population estimates limit controversy by placing limits.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- No comment submitted by Team

4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin.

- No comment submitted by Team